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Card
 Mr. John Cowles
 The Star and Tribune
 Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear John:

Thank you for sending the copy of your Drake University Commencement address.

On the subject of the alleged atomic tests in China, we find that Senator Humphrey was misquoted in some press releases. The Congressional Record indicates that he did not state that these detonations involved atomic explosives.

The information on these explosions stems from a Soviet publication of August 1957 in which it was reported that 1,640, 4,000 and 9,200 tons of high explosives were used to open a large pit mine near Lanchow in July, November and December 1956. The journal noted that other explosions had been set off to open a deep cut for a rail line being built between Paochi and Chengtu and that a mountain ridge had been cut through twice by "gigantic blasts" on the course of the same railroad.

Thus far, we have no reason to believe that these blasting operations involve other than conventional explosives.

Hoping that this has been of some help, I remain

Sincerely,

SIGNED

Allen W. Dulles
 Director

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JOHN COWLES
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Dear Allen:

Conceivably you might be interested in glancing at parts of a speech I recently made, which is reproduced on the attached tearsheet.

Unless it is top secret, could you tell me for my own private information whether the Russians presumably have conducted some underground or above-ground atomic tests in Red China?

It is my impression that Senator Humphrey some weeks ago stated that they had, whether as a fact or as a surmise I do not recall. It is also my impression that subsequently I read somewhere that the thing had been officially confirmed, but I can't locate the clipping, which I thought I had torn out to save.

With warm personal regards, I am

Sincerely,

John

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Portuguese Voters Swamp Salazar Foe

LISBON, Portugal —(AP)—Premier Antonio Salazar's National Union party easily fought off its first serious opposition in 30 years and scored a sweeping victory in Portugal's presidential election Sunday.

Adm. Americo Tomas, National Union candidate, was elected for the next seven years by a



Tomas

majority that approached 90 per cent. No vote break-down was announced immediately. **OPPOSITION** candidate Gen. Humberto Delgado conceded defeat. But he said bitterly he had no intention of sending congratulations to "those people."

"The elections only showed," he said in an interview, "that, like Hitler and Mussolini, nobody can win in Portugal against Salazar."

Only the name of Tomas was on the printed ballots. Supporters of Delgado had to write in his name.

TURNOUT at the polls was termed heavy, despite generally overcast weather. No violence was reported, but police broke up a crowd of nearly 1,000 cheering Delgado at the Lisbon high school where he voted.

Delgado charged fraud in the campaign. He said many of his supporters had been stricken from the register of voters for no good reason and many of his aides had been arrested trying to distribute ballots to voters.

He was the first opposition candidate for president of Portugal ever to stay in the race until election day. In his campaign, he said that if he won he would dismiss Salazar at once and appoint a military government to keep order until free elections could be held.

Israel Protests Trespassing by Lebanon Rebels

JERUSALEM —(UPI)—Israel has protested to the United Nations truce teams against hands of Syrian-trained Lebanese rebels using Israeli territory as a shortcut between Syria and Lebanon, it was learned Sunday.

The protests were filed with both the Israeli-Syrian mixed armistice commission and the Israeli-Lebanese mixed armistice commission.

Israeli troops intercepted a band of Lebanese rebels attempting to sneak across the border Saturday. One rebel was killed and 15 were captured. There were indications other rebels had slipped across undetected to join the anti-government forces in Lebanon.

Israeli authorities said the incident was proof of the intervention of the United Arab Republic in the Lebanese crisis.

India Reported Asking U.S. Loan of 600 Million

NEW DELHI, India—(Reuters)—India is seeking a 600 million dollar loan from the United States to help meet the economic crisis, reliable sources said Sunday.

The trouble is indicated by the fact that this country's sterling balances sank to a record low of about 540 million dollars May 31. If the present drain continues, India will hit the danger point in four months and exhaust its sterling balance reserve in a year, authoritative reports said.

Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru's cabinet held several meetings on the situation last week. As a result, the New Delhi government is thought likely to approach both the British government and private financial interests in London for a long-term loan.

Dayton's



What's the news? Dayton's easy
blouses with their waistlines
down and their prints in bloom

The talk's all about our blithe-spirited blouses and their summer-fresh flower printings. Two shown here: left, Leslie Fay's silk print in blue, pink; 10-18, 25.95, from Misses' shop; right, Mr. Mort's printed and polished cotton, veiled with a printed sheer voile overblouse; pink, avocado green; 7-15, 29.95, from "Sub-Deb Shop. Both bare-armed show-offs at Dayton's: Downtown, third floor; Southdale, Upper level.

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